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# G. O. P. SPLIT ON LEAGUE ISSUE BELIEVED AVERGUCE Costs

### CONVENTION ACTS THUS FAR AID TO **DEMOCRATS ONLY**

BY GEORGE MORRIS.

COLISEUM, CHICAGO, June 10. (Spl.)-The only candidate that has profited thus far from the deliberations of the Republican national convention is the one the Democrats will nominate in San Francisco. The Republican party is on the verge of a split. The "old guard" never surrenders, it never dies and apparently it never learns anything.

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Enough money was represented at convention and what the people can do a little dinner in a private dining room of the Auditoriu mbote) last night to pay the German war debt and the gentlemen around the little table would not miss it much more than they did the \$\frac{1}{2}\$ to the steam roller of the meeting of the resolutions committee and told the members the party must have a league of nations and no platform pronouncement in favor of labor. Hiram Johnson has told the party what have a league of nations and no platform pronouncement in favor of labor. Hiram Johnson has told the party what organized labor will do fee the working people of the country are ignored.

Thursday opened radiantly from a Democratic standpoint. Lodge started the proceedings Tuesday with his hymn of hate. Wednesday the leaders quick-ly agreed to provisions of a platform of the question of what should be done. Time and again attention of the delegates has been called to what the steam roller can do to the people in

### G. O. P. TAKES RECESS TO AWAIT PLATFORM

while, the convention managers were debating what to do, word came from dewntown that the platform subcommittee had agreed on a report and a few minutes later Senator McCormick of Illinois, one of the subcommittee members, appeared on the speakers' platform and announced that unanimous agreement had been reached by the subcommittee which promised union of the party and victory in November.

Mr. McCormick presented a motion for a recess until 4 o'clock, but there was a roar of ayes and notes from the delegates and galleries and Chairman Lodge was compelled to call for a stand-

COLISEUM. CHICAGO, June 10 .- [ing vote on which he decided that the

While awaiting the report of the platform committee, the Republican national committee held a brief session this morning and then, much to the disappointment of the galleries, took a recess until 4 o'clock this afternoon. When the convention assembled the platform committee was engaged in the struggle over the plank on the peace treaty and it looked as if much lime might be lost.

There was consideration of plans to go ahead with nominating speeches while awaiting the platform report, but there was objection to that and it was abandoned.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC.

Pupils of the McLemore Avenue Christian Sunday school ejoyed a picnic at overton park Thursday afternoon. The school assembled at the church and eft in a body at 1 p.m. After reaching verton park each department was to

have a part in providing the entertainment. At 5-30 p.m. a basket dinner was obe served. The Sunday school has menrollment of about 600 and every epartment was well represented at the siente.

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Charter for International Policemen's Union Asked.

### NEGRO'S DOMINATION OF DIXIE G. O. P. IS DOOMED

BY GEORGE MORRIS. son was asked if he received \$9,500 from the Lowden "campaign committee." He said he did not. He was correct. The amount is said to have been \$0,000. At another time he is said to have received \$20,000 from the same source. These Georgia negroes sell for more than they did before the war as some of the candidates have learned to their sources.

Arkansan Gives Pearls To Idols

CHICAGO. June 10 (Spl.)—Senator Hiram Johnson and Senator Borah are wearing two large pearts on their shirt fronts, the gifts of M. H. Patterson, of Patterson, Ark. Mr. Patterson, when he placed the pin on Senator Johnson's shirt, said: Wear this until 1 see you in the White House."

CHICAGO, June 10, (Spl.)-Confronted with the prospect of woman suffrage, The the Republican party realizes that it must make the choice and make it runking, between the white women and the negro men of the South. It would throw the negroes to the welves in a minute except for the demagogic play the Republican leaders make for the negro vote in states like Illinois, indiana and lows.

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As it is the prospect is that the party organization will leave the fate of the Southern negro as a political factor, to the tender mercies of the local white liepublicans and in that way obtain a separation without the notoriety of consplete divorce that would scandalize the Northern negro.

The Republican party wants votes, it wants all the votes it can get and it wants any kind of votes, but it is tired of getting one vote of a certain kind at the expense of two votes of another bind. It is weary of seeing the negro delegates from the Souts the determining factor in national conventions and wielding no influence in national elections.

It is going to turn its attention from

It is going to turn its attention from the useless agitation for a reduction of Southern representation in congress and make a drive along more practical lines for a reduction of the number of delegates from the South to Republican conventions.

Bob Church, of Memphis, and Lincoln Johnson, of Georgia, have had a large part in shaping any adverse opinion of the negroes. If the negroes have any complaint to make it is not against the party that has coddled them for 50 years, but against the leaders they have set up to represent them in the national councils.

The ousting of Church as a delegate from Tennessee was notice that the party will not accept a negro leader in any state where to do so would involve the loss of allegiance of the white vot-

When the Republican party in Tennessee is reorganized after the convention it will not have a single negro in it. Some of the men who have trained with Church and have been boon companions of his in politics for many years are through not only with him but with all others so far as organization and official recognition is concerned. Church has given them too much trouble. In Georgia the condition is even

In Georgia the condition is even worse. Lincoln Johnson, who received a bushel of Lowden money, must go. Notice has been served on his white worse. Lincoln Johnson, who received at bushel of Lowden money, must go.
Notice has been served on his white licenhinen that they must put up another man for national committeeman John sen was around last night trying to save his standing by offering to resign and throw his support to the aspirant that would have it.

During the hearing of the contest before the credentials committee John
BY BLUFF, Ark. June 16 (Spl.)

Several persons here reported that they will load the steamer which plans they have seen what is helieved to have been the melcor that fell Tusday night.

BY BLUFF ARKS MOVING.

GALVESTON, Text June 16 (Fixed has been delayed here nearly three months, due to a strike of longshore men, was started today. The stranding of the stranding of the stranding of the stranding of the contest has been the melcor that fell Tusday night with 200 open shop workers they have seen what is helieved to have been the melcor that fell Tusday night.

**WOOD DANGEROUS:** LAWRENCE WIRES

'Nothing as Usual" Is Way He Reports Tactics Employed at National G. O. P. Convention in Chicago.

BY DAVID LAWRENCE.

(Special Correspondent of The News Scimitar.) CHICAGO, June 10.—Nothing, as

There are several Wood delegates in the New York contingent, and several in the Pennsylvania unit, but the New York folks have practically agreed to vote for Nicholas Murray Butler for a few ballofs, which really means that he anti-Wood people are dominant for he time being.

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Over in the Massachusetts delegation he Wood forces are pounding away at he Cooldige votes with fuir success. I Hitchcock can once break down the mity of the New York. Pennsylvania r Massachusetts delegation, he will win out. Already his boring tactics are trowing a bit uncomfortable to opponents.

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The old guard is evidently determined to hold New York, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts together until Wood and Lowden are both eliminated and then trot out somebody on whom agreement can be reached.

In the meantime Hiram Johnson has executed an effective maneuver in his own behalf. He felt his delegates in certain states slipping away it was openly avowed by folks from Michigan. Nebraska and Oregon that although their states voted for Johnson, the delegates would not stay hitched very iong. Mr. Johnson has now exacted a piedge from the Michigan delegates who are instructed for him to continually east their ballots for him until he personally releases them.

Johnson, by the way, is his own campaign manager here he takes advice freely but does as he pleases about acting on it. His game is to hold his menger forces together while the Wood and Lowden machines crush each other, hoping against hose that he will be the beneficiary in the end. Also, the California senator figures that if the convention supports him on the league of nations platferm fight he will gain delegates.

more than they did before the was some of the candidates have learned to their sorrow.

Titles are imperfect at that. As a result, candidates that bought the negro delegates feel they made a bard bargain. They may get the votes and they may not, but they are certain to get all the odium that attaches to the transaction. Lowden's traffic in negro votes has practically put him out of the race, to say nothing of the two Missouri delegates he repudiated after his manager paid them a goodly sum. The unfortunate circumstance of the transaction was that Lowden conferred with them before he repudiated them. Menwhile Hiram Johnson' is making capital out of the evidence of corruption. As the situation is now the old guard is irrevocably set in its deferit termination not to give him the nomination, but it has not decided if it can withhold it and with.

DROPOCCAL REJECTED BY A. F. L.

MONTREAL, June 10.—The American Federation of Labor in annual convention here today rejected a proposition create a permanent educational department to distribute propaganda urging support of the federation's policy of ing support of the federation's policy of nonpartisanship in politics.

The delegates unanimously adopted a report of the committee on organization which recommended that this step, proposed by the Central Labor union of Poplar Bluff. Mo, not be taken at this time, because it was unrecessary and would entail unjustified expense. The proposal included provision for a large campaign fund.

The convention authorized the executive council of the federation to charter an international policeman's union as soon as the membership of the local tion that international union be chartered was presented by the Oklahoma City local.

MODERN "RIP" RETURNS TO MEMPHIS HOME AFTER BEING MOURNED AS DEAD 30 YEARS

BY AL WILSON,

"Rip Van Winkle" of the 20th century was in Memphis Thursday. He is Charles M. Rome, aged 79, who one summer day in 1889 walked out of his home here and, on Washington Irving schedule, was not heard from until late Wednesday when he walked into the office of the "Young Chairman Goodman Asserts Rip" of this story who is Ed A. Rome, well-known young business man. Long since thought dead by his family, Thursday Mr. Rome was in possession of a key to "Young Rip's" home and will make his residence

"My God, are you my father?" exclaimed Young Rip Wednesday afternoon as he gazed open-eyed into the
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into the o face of a little gray haired, gray bearded man who had quietly walked into the office of F. W. Brode & Co., on Madison avenue, and inquired for "Mr. E. A. Rome." Young Rip was but 12 years of age when his father left Memphis.

sought out the dwarfs' cavern and taisen a draught from the flagon, which Irving wrote of. Only Mr. Rome did a not fall asleep. His travels, that cover the period during which the original Rip slumhered, read like a romance.

Covering the United States, lured on constantly by the grip of wanderlust, d. Mr. Rome touched many lands. Unusually active from habits formed in early life when he was a Texas Ranger, she led a strenuous existence that ranged from activities on the Mexican border to the gold fields of Alaska and the fisheries of the Norteast. Canada, that part covered by the Royal Northwest Mounted, knew him in its bitterest winter where he engaged in various pursuits. Likewise did the Central American countries, where he saw gov-

and Saturday. In addition to this money, salary increases of \$25 and \$18, for white and negro teachers, respectively, will be added to regular monthly pay checks. This payment and plan was adopted by the board of education at a special meeting late Wednesday superfedes action of the beard several weeks ago, when teachers were awarded by the salary schedule recommended by the federal survey made last summer.

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while alone.

The young woman is described as between 20 and 28, plump-faced, a blonde, and wearing a thin white waist and blue skirt. She did not wear a hat. She jumped from the automobile when it

## PREDICTS FAIR DAYS

# MAKE NEW CUT IN TAXATION VALUES

Assessment Figures of Condon Are Out of Line in Number of Instances.

That the assessment figures made by W. T. Condon, county assessor, are out of line in a humber of instances, was the statement Thursday of Ben Goodman, chairman of the county board of equalization. Mr. Goodman called the board together at 10 a.m. Thursday after Gino Pierotti had been sworn in and was named as secretary to succeed Frank Bice, who resigned last Monday following the organization of the board.

"The board of equalization of the county proposes to make a very thorough canvass of the assessment made by W. T. Condon, county assessor."

Mr. Goodman said, "and will equalize his assessments inside the city of Memphis and outside the county districts.

The board is convinced, however, after a casual investigation of the values blaced on property by Mr. Con-

"The board is convinced however, after a casual investigation of the values placed on property by Mr. Condon, that his figures are much too high in many instances. Of course, the chairman continued, "there will be reductions in these cases and all along the line where the board finds property values boosted out of reason.

"Shelby county has for many years been paying taxes into the state treasury that were all out of proportion to that paid by other counties of the state and I can not see why this condition should continue indefinitely."

As an instance of a property assessment.

should continue indefinitely."

As an instance of a property assessment that was materially out of line and which was called to the attention of Mr. Goodman Thursday was a 10-acre tract located at a point in the county. In 1818, this property was assessed at approximately \$7,500. The state board of equalization assessed this same piece of property at approximately \$64,000. Condon's figures for this piece of property are \$37,400, The income from this piece of property is \$40 per month. Mr. Goodman stated.

The board of equalization will conduct hearings daily in accordance with the advertised schedule. Wards 34 and 35 were scheduled for hearing Thursday and numerous property owners in these wards were at the office of the board examining the books and preparing their complaints.

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That complaints of over-assessment That complaints of over-assessment will be numerous was indicated early in the day shortly after the tax books were opened to the public and property owners began searching for their own assessments. One man sluted that he had recently purchased some property in the county at \$300 per acre on a part cash payment basis and that the assessment of the county assessor placed a valuation of \$800 per acre on this property. The tract was purchased within the past 60 days, he declared. In certain sections of the county it is understood that there are many innumber of cases have been cited where adjoining tracts of land show a wide difference in valuation that property owners declars are unreasonable.

Politicians and those interested in county politics are not in the least backward in stating that certain men who own property in the county and who are thought to have some political influence have been favored in the property assessment. The truth of these statements, however, are questioned by Mr. Condon, who declares that the present assessment is eminently fair.

It is noted, however, that on city property Mr. Condon's figures are placed at \$198,566,500 as compared with the city assessment of \$139,502,338, a difference of \$52,066,562. It must be remembered, too, that the city equalizers traised the assessment of T. G. Scarborough, city hax assessor. 25 per cent on all property.

Still Too High.

COUNTY BOARD TO PLATFORM AGREE ON d Clothes Do"

> BULLETIN. BY DAVID LAWRENCE.

(Special Correspondent The News Scimitar.) COLISEUM, CHICAGO, June 10. (Spl.)-Senator Hiram Johnson has compromised. He has saved himself from defeat on the floor of the convention before the balloting begins. The California senator telephoned his approval of the plank on the treaty just before the convention assembled for its Thursday afternoon session. Fears that Johnson, by carrying the fight to the floor, might split the party caused old line leaders to accept 3 compromise.

CHICAGO, June 10 .- A league of nations plank declared by leaders to be "acceptable to everybody" was unanimously adopted today by the Republican resolutions subcommittee, apparently ending all threat of a party split over the league issue. The plank was drafted by Elihu Root. The plank upholds the position of the senate and does not declare in specific terms for ratification of the treaty.

on the floor of the convention and ac-entirely passed.

The agreement was reached at a conference attended by Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, Republican senate leader, and afterward Senator Borah declared that Senator Lodge had ta-ken a stand opposed to ratification of the treaty and would so state to the convention.

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Members of the subcommittee declined to give out the text of the plank, saying they wanted to take an hour or two to finally solish it up before giving it to the public.

The development came as a sensation soon after the subcommittee had begun what seemed likely to be a long and desperate struggle. It removed, subcommittee members said, the obstacle which had been holding up the work of the convention and probably would permit final action by the convention on the platform at today's sension.

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The plank, together with the remainder of the platform still had to be passed on by the full resolutions committee, but leaders expressed every confidence that the work of the subcommittee would be approved virtually without change.

Accepted lives by the conference of leaders, the Root plank later was given upanimous approval by the 12 members of the subcommittee.

Senator Lodge had no statement to make when he emerged from the conference, but he immediately went into consultation with Senator Watson of Indiana, head of the subcommittee, when with Senator Smoot of Utah had been at work all night to bring the battling elements into narmony.

While the plank accepted today was said that some modifications had been made in the preconvention conferences of the peace resolution, Mexico and Armenia, follow:

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"We approve the action of the Republican senate with the coverage of nations as submitted by the president and approve the action of the Republication without reservations with the league of nations with reservations which are in accord with the American principles with Senator Smoot of Utah had been at work all night to bring the battling elements into narmony.

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publican party in congress in passing a resolution to repeal the declaration of a state of war with Germany which would have brought peace and relieved the people of the burden of the war measures and we condemn the president's veto of the resolution.

"Mandate of Armenia.

Mandate Request Condemned. We condemn President Wilson for asking congress to empower him to accept a mandate for Armenia. We commend the Republican senate for refusing the president's request to empower him to accept a mandate for Armenia. The acceptance of such a mandate would throw the United States into the very maelstrom of European quarrels. According to the estimate of the Harbord commission, organized by authority of President Wilson, we would be called upon to send \$2,000 American Boys to police Armenia and to expend \$278,000,000 in the first year and \$756,000,000 in five years. This estimate is made upon the blass that we would have only roving bands to fight, but in case of serious trouble with the Turks or with Russia, a force exceeding 200,000 more striking illustration can be found of President Wilson, disser-

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